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1. USSR possibly seeking Berlin reunification--US Political Adviser Riddleberger in Berlin expresses the view that recent indications suggest the USSR may be on the verge of proposing a reunification of Berlin. Riddleberger points out that unstable conditions in the western sectors may be encouraging the Kremlin to think favorable terms can now be gotten on a Berlin settlement. Riddleberger suggests, on the other hand, that hints at a change in Berlin's status--all emanating from Soviet sources--may merely be attempts to foster the uneasiness which many west Berliners feel about the city's future.

2. French views on Tito problem--US Ambassador Bruce in Paris transmits the view of the French Foreign Office that France should not take the lead in efforts to deal with the Tito problem. The Foreign Office believes that the Kremlin will not for some months have to decide whether to engage in open warfare and regards the stand of the US and its willingness to back that stand with the atom bomb as the determining factor in that decision. The Foreign Office recommends that the western powers employ "cautious and supple tactics" during the present period when the USSR is likely to attempt to unseat Tito by all methods short of war.

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